

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

LRB-1449/P2dn
TJD:sac:jf

July 19, 2013

To Karl Franzen:

Please carefully review this version of the draft to ensure the changes comply with your intent. In response to a comment in your email of June 10, 2013, the draft does repeal the requirement, in current law s. 979.01 (3m), that a coroner or medical examiner, in cases where a death must be reported, take specimens from a deceased upon request of a relative. The draft instead requires the coroner or medical examiner, when an autopsy is not performed, to inform a representative who inquires about an autopsy that the representative may contract for pathology services. I believe the analysis correctly reflects this. If this is not as you intended, the language of the draft must be changed in addition to the analysis.

Please note that I incorporated the requested provision to allow district attorneys to order autopsies into s. 979.02 (3) instead of s. 979.02 (1).

Should you have any questions or redraft instructions, please contact me.

Tamara J. Dodge
Legislative Attorney
Phone: (608) 267-7380
E-mail: tamara.dodge@legis.wisconsin.gov